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WHOLE, 3RD MEETING, JANUARY 17, 1977, CONTINUED
DISCUSSION ARTICLE 1

- 1. A. FOLLOWING STATES SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF EXPERTS'
 TEXT: JAPAN, DENMARK, GREECE, EL SALVADOR, NETHERLANDS,
 ECUADOR, NORWAY, MALAYSIA, CHILE, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA,
 FINLAND, BOLIVIA, JORDAN, NIGERIA, ITALY, AND ISRAEL
 (QUALIFIED SUPPORT).
- B. FOLLOWING STATES SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ARGENTINE/CUBA TEXT: USSR, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR.
- C. SWEDEN SUPPORTED THE FRG TEXT. AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SENEGAL OPPOSED IT.
- 2. GHANA INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO SEE ITS PROPOSAL (A/CONF.78/C.1/L.6 TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY) DIVIDED, WITH FIRST PARA AS ARTICLE 1 AND PLACEMENT OF SECOND PARA DETERMINED BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE. FIRST PARA IS EXPERTS' TEXT.

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3. STRONG SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR EXPERTS' TEXT WOULD CAUSE EXPECTATION OF QUICK DECISION ON ARTICLE 1, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. GHANA PROPOSAL ALREADY HAS SOME SUPPORT. AUSTRIA HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (L.5) TO EFFECT THAT STATE "SHALL" ADMIT PERSON ELIGIBLE UNDER CONVENTION. INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES (L.12) AND ECUADOR (L.11) HAVE ALSO INTRODUCED PROPOSALS. PAK-

ISTAN INDICATED AT MEETING THAT IT WILL INTRODUCE NEW TEXT. DISCUSSION OF THESE PROPOSALS WILL, OF COURSE, BE UNAVOIDABLE. PANAMA HAS FORMALLY PROPOSED FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP; DECISION POSTPONED UNTIL 4TH MEETING. COMMENT: INEPTITUDE OF COMMITTEE IN DEALING WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD ARTICLE 1 GIVES RISE TO CONCERN AS TO HOW IT WILL HANDLE THE COMPLEXITIES OF ARTICLE 2.

4. "FAMILY UNITY" NEW ARTICLE PROPOSAL OF HOLY SEE AND COLOMBIA (L.8) IS AS FOLLOWS: "IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE RIGHT TO FAMILY UNITY, THE REUNION OF AN ASYLEE WITH HIS SPOUSE AND MINOR OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN SHALL BE FACILITATED IN AN HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT. THESE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS AS THE ASYLEE." PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS, CANADA, ISRAEL, CHILE, SENEGAL, JORDAN. QUALIFIED SUPPORT BY DENMARKA DN SWEDEN. OPPOSED BY USSR, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR.CATTO

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